the Karuvannur Flood prevention works, now under progress, and see whether this work is actually necessary.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar**:— From the answer it would seem that this Kalithodu is intended for the prevention of flood. Is it not useful for the Mundakan cultivation? Does it not pass through large areas where Mundakan is cultivated ?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon**:— When we investigated this question of improvement of Kalithodu it was p imarily for the purpose of relief from floods in that area. In that connection we thought that instead of improving the thodu it is better to watch the effects of the flood prevention works. The member now raises the question of improving this thodu for the purpose of irrigation. That has not been investigated by the Government.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar**:— Will the Government consider this point also ?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon**:— Yes.

## Batta—Village Officers.

**10. Mr. A. Narayana Menon**:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) are not Village Officers given batta;

(2) if so, why not;

(3) are not officers in other departments of similar grade and work given batta?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran**:—(1) Not always, but under certain conditions as stated in the rule (306 C. S. R.) appended. *(Vide Appendix I).*

(2) The reason is given in the rule appended.

(3) Not all; for instance:

(i) Excise peons and Petty Officers (with some exceptions).
(ii) Forest Guards do.
(iii) Anchal Officers do.
(iv) Process Establishment.
(v) All Head constables and constables, etc.

**Mr. A. Narayana Menon**:— With regard to subdivision 3 (1), what are the exceptions?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran**:— They are in the rules itself.

## Appointment—Sarvadhikariakkar.

**11. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar**:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what are the qualifications of the acting Sarvadhikariakkar Mr. T. P. Ananthanarayana Ayyar;

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(2) what was the post held by him and the pay he was drawing before he was appointed as the acting Sarvadhikariakkar;

(3) what was the post held by him and the pay he was drawing before he was drafted to the Sarvadhikariakkar's Office;

(4) when was he so drafted to the Sarvadhikariakkar's Office;

(5) why was he so drafted;

(6) how long has he been acting as the Sarvadhikariakkar;

(7) when did Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar fall ill and take leave first;

(8) what is he suffering from;

(9) how long was Mr. Ananthanarayana Ayyar acting as the Sarvadhikariakkar?

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar**:—(1) None of the name of T. P. Ananthanarayana Ayyar has acted as Sarvadhikariakkar.

(2) to (6) and (9). These questions do not arise in view of the answer to sub-division (1).

(7) The period to which the question relates has not been mentioned. Hence it is not possible to give a definite answer.

(8) This does not arise in view of the answer to sub-division (7).

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar**:— Did one Mr. T. P. Narayana Ayyar act as Sarvadhikariakkar?

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar**:— Yes.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar**:— What was the post held by him before he was drafted to the Sarvadhikariakkar's Office?

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar**:— He was Confidential Clerk to His Highness the Maharaja of Cochin.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar**:— Before he was appointed in the Sarvadhikariakkar's Office?

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar**:— I want notice.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar**:— Was he not an Excise Inspector?

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar**:— I remember he was an Excise Inspector once.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar**:— May I know what was his pay?

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar**:— I want notice.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar**:— May I know when he was drafted to the Sarvadhikarikkar's Office?

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar**:— Some two years back.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar**:— May I know how long did he act as Sarvadhikariakkar?

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar**:— I do not know the exact period. I want notice.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar**:—May I know his qualifications, Sir?

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**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:** - I want notice.

**Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty:**—Is he not an under-Graduate?

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:**— It can be ascertained from the Civil List.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:**— Am I to take it that the Secretary to the Diwandoes not know the educational qualifications of an acting Sarvadhikariakkar? I know it is a very convenient weapon for the Government Members, but yet, Sir, there must be a limit for exercising it.

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:**— It is not possible to remembr the qulifications of each and every member of the Government service.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:**—Is he a Graduate?

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:**—No.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:**—What was the status and position of the officers who were occupying the post of the Sarvadhikariakkar before?

**Mr P. V. Subramania Ayyar:**—It is too wide a question for me to answer.

**Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:**—(1) When Mr. T. P. Narayana Ayyar has acted as Sarvadhikariakkar and when the Government by reason can know that the question refers to Mr. Narayana Ayyar who is the acting Sarvadhikariakkar.....

**Mr. President:**—Order, Order. The Hon'ble Member cannot make a commendupon the answer. What is your question?

**Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:**—What is the policy of the Government in answering Question No. 11 in the manner in which they have done when by reasonable intelligence they can know that the questions refer to Mr. T. P. Narayana Ayyar?

**Mr. President:**—No answer is forthcoming. I cannot help it.

**Mr. P. Raman Menon:**—Did not the Government know that it refers to Mr. Narayana Ayyar and not Ananthanarayana Ayyar and that it was only an inadvertent mistake? The word 'Anantha' has created all this confusion.

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:**—After reading the question a direct answer wasgiven.

**Mr. P. Raman Menon:**—And yet Government do not think it necessary togive all facts relating to Mr. Narayana Ayyar.

**Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:**—I answered supplementary questions in respect of Mr. T. P. Narayana Ayyar. I have recognised the error.

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